

## ARTICLE 846.

4. **Sports Clubs and Associations.**—The accounts of local Service Sports Clubs and Associations are to be included in these audits.

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847. **Settlement of Debts.**—The Captain is to see that all mess and wine debts are settled monthly by each member, as laid down in Article 1608.

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In Naval Shore Establishments at home payment may be made by cheque, but elsewhere the settlement must be made in cash or Bank of England notes. Except in Naval Shore Establishments at home private bills or cheques are not to be received by, or cashed from, the mess or wine funds.

3. **Debts on Paying Off.**—The president of the mess is to report to the Captain if an Officer should be in debt to the mess on paying off or on discharge, and the Captain is to order the Accountant Officer to pay the amount, or so much of it as does not exceed the balance of pay and allowances due, and charge it on his pay documents. See 578 (*Duties of Captain with regard to Messes*); also 1606, Clause 2.

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The balance of pay due to a deserter is never to be used to reduce mess debts. Such balance of pay becomes the property of the Crown and cannot be appropriated for the liquidation of mess debts. If, in exceptional circumstances, it should be considered desirable to recover a mess debt from the proceeds of the sale of a deserter's effects, prior Admiralty sanction must be obtained.

849. **Limit to Subscriptions.**—In the ward room the monthly mess subscription is not to exceed £3.

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2. In the gun-room the monthly mess subscription is not to exceed 37s. 6d., but, in addition to this sum, 5s. may be charged for replacing mess utensils and other necessary expenses, and the following sums may also be allowed for extras should a member choose to indulge in them, viz. :—

For Commissioned Officers, £1 a month	} And in addition the difference between their wine bills and the maximum prescribed by Article 845, Clause 5.
For other members, 15s. a month	

3. In the warrant officers' mess the monthly subscription is not to exceed 30s.

## SECTION II. CABINS.

### ARTICLE 850.

2. Special cabins are appropriated for the Executive Officer, the Navigating Officer, the Chaplain, the Medical Officer, the Accountant Officer and the Engineer Officer, and in aircraft carriers the Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, the particular duties of the officer guiding the selection; and in ships fitted as flagships, for the Secretary, the Flag Commander, the Flag Lieutenant, and the Senior Officer, Royal Marines. A cabin will also be appropriated to the Second Engineer Officer, the position being fixed as near the engine room as is convenient and practicable. The position of these cabins will be settled at the Admiralty and shown on the building drawings. At the final inspection of the ship before commissioning, steps will be taken to ascertain whether the Admiralty appropriation has been adhered to. Subsequent alterations are not to be made without Admiralty sanction.

3. A certain number of cabins will be appropriated by name for "Warrant Officers." Cabins so marked will be occupied by Warrant Officers according to the seniority of such officers, Watchkeeping Warrant Officers, the Senior Artificer Engineer and the Schoolmaster, being given the prior claim in order of seniority.

4. In later ships cabins will be appropriated by name in flagships for the Admiral's Steward and Cook, and in large ships for the Ward Room Messman also. Where such accommodation is not already appropriated in existing ships, no change is to be made.

5. **Numbered Cabins.**—The remaining cabins will be numbered in accordance with directions given on the drawings of the ship, and such numbers are not to be displaced.

6. **Occupation and choice of numbered Cabins.**—When a ship is commissioned, numbered cabins will be allocated to all Ward Room Officers as defined in Article 837, Clause 2, other than those who have "named" cabins under Clause 2 of this article, and also to Mates and Mates (E).

Officers will be allowed to choose their particular cabins in the order of their relative rank and seniority.

7. **Numbered Cabins Remaining.**—If any numbered cabins remain over when all Ward Room Officers have been accommodated, they are to be allotted to gun room commissioned officers, Watchkeeping Officers being first considered, and then other gun-room commissioned officers according to seniority. Any cabins then remaining unoccupied are to be allotted to Warrant Officers at the discretion of the Captain, who is, however, at liberty to retain one for the use of officers without cabins who may be sick.

Where, however, a ship has less than six warrant officers' berths, the order of allotment of cabins after Ward Room Officers is to be:—

- (i) Storekeeping Warrant Officers, the Senior Artificer Engineer and the Schoolmaster in order of seniority.
- (ii) Gun Room Commissioned Officers in order of seniority.
- (iii) Other Warrant Officers in order of seniority.

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10. Cabins are not to be appropriated as offices without obtaining Admiralty sanction.

### SECTION III. MESSING—SHIP'S COMPANY.

852. C.P.O.'s, P.O.'s and Writers.—The Master-at-Arms, the Naval Schoolmaster, and the Writers \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ are to mess together, but where, by reason of the number of Writers borne, there is not room for all in the Master-at-Arms' Mess, the surplus numbers are to mess with the Regulating Petty Officers or other Petty Officers as the Captain may decide.

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3. Cooks of Messes.—A sufficient number of Seamen are to be attached to these messes to do the work of cooks of the messes.

4. Victualling and Cooper Ratings.—The Victualling Chief Petty Officer, Cooper, Victualling Petty Officer, Leading Victualling Assistant and Victualling Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ are not to be allowed to form a mess together, but are to mess with the Chief Petty Officers or Petty Officers (Seaman Class). On no account is the bread room or other part of the ship, except where the men by the customs and regulations of the Service are permitted to live, to be used as a mess place.

5. E.R.A.'s, Electrical Artificers and Ordnance Artificers.—If there are two or more Chief or other Engine Room Artificers in a ship, they are to be allowed to form a separate mess in the place which will be set apart for the purpose, and a Stoker is to be allowed to attend upon them as cook of the mess, and to keep the place clean and in order; the man so employed is to be relieved from ordinary duties in the engine room. Similarly, if there are two or more Chief or other Electrical and Ordnance Artificers in a ship, including Artificers, 5th Class, they are to be allowed to form a separate mess, seamen ratings being detailed to act as cooks of the messes and to keep the places clean and in order. Where a separate mess is not formed, Electrical and Ordnance Artificers are to mess with the Seaman Class Chief Petty Officers and not with the Engine Room Artificers.

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6a. **Shipwrights, 3rd Class.**—Shipwrights 3rd Class, are to mess with the Petty Officers during their probation at sea.

7. **Hammock-men.**—While it is to be clearly understood that all Chief Petty Officers are responsible for their own hammocks, Chief Engine Room Artificers and Engine Room Artificers, Chief Electrical Artificers and Electrical Artificers, and Chief Ordnance Artificers and Ordnance Artificers may have the option of employing hammock-men as provided by Article 1483.

#### SECTION IV. CANTEENS.

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855. **Establishment of Canteens.**—As a general rule a dry canteen is to be established in each of His Majesty's Ships and Naval Establishments, and accommodation is to be set apart for this purpose. Should the Captain for any reason consider it inadvisable to establish a canteen, he is to make a full report of the circumstances to the Commander-in-Chief, or Officer Commanding the Squadron, who is to transmit it to the Admiralty with an expression of his opinion thereon.

This regulation does not apply to small vessels such as torpedo boat destroyers, in which suitable space for a canteen is not available. Special arrangements are made by the Navy and Army Canteen Board for their supplies.

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2. **System.**—Canteens in H.M. Ships and Naval Establishments at home and abroad are to be conducted by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, except in ships on the China Station and other ships and establishments where for special reasons it may be considered desirable and the Admiralty approve that the canteen shall be conducted on the "Service" or "Tenant" systems.

On the China Station the canteen tenant will be selected by the Commander-in-Chief.

3-7. *Cancelled.*

856. **Administration of Canteens.**—The Captain shall cause proper rules to be drawn up for the conduct and administration of the canteen.

2. **Committee.**—The affairs of the canteen are to be administered by a committee composed of:—

The Executive Officer of the ship, as *ex-officio* president;

A senior Lieutenant as vice-president;

The Accountant Officer, who is to combine the duties of honorary secretary and honorary treasurer;

The Medical Officer or another Commissioned Officer, together with such representatives of the Ship's Company as may be detailed or arranged for quarterly by the Captain for this duty, care being taken that messes consisting of ratings other than Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers are adequately represented. The connection of the Executive Officer with the administration of the